



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

<b>Meeting Type:</b>	Mayor & Council Meeting
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	2-17-2020
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitfield County for First Appearance Bond Hearings
<b>Department:</b>	Administration & Municipal Court
<b>Requested By:</b>	Jason Parker
<b>Reviewed/Approved by City Attorney?</b>	Yes
<b>Cost:</b>	Increase from \$10 per hearing to \$15 per hearing
<b>Funding Source if Not in Budget</b>	Municipal Court Budget

### **Please Provide A Summary of Your Request, Including Background Information to Explain the Request:**

#### **Purpose:**

- Pursuant to a request from Chief Magistrate Chris Griffin to update the expired agreement, and increase the per-inmate charge to City

#### **Important Points:**

- Judge Griffin is requesting an increase from \$10 per inmate hearing to \$15 per inmate hearing to help cover the cost of interpreters, and increasing overhead of administration of the hearings
- A hearing is required by law within 48 hours of confinement if bond has not been made
- Per the agreement, the Magistrate Judges handle the hearings daily in place of Municipal Judge, including weekends
- In 2019 City paid \$4100 for 1st appearance hearings (approximately 410 hearings)